

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--.

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to July 02, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-5, 9-10, 13-15, 17-24, 27, 52-53, 55-59, 61-63 and 70-76.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to applicant's response filed on July 02, 2007. **Claims 1, 3-5, 9-10, 13-15, 17-24, 27, 52-53, 55-59, 61-63 and 70-76** are pending in the present application.

Drawings

2. With the submission of new drawings of Figures 4A and 4B , the drawing objection is withdrawn.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1 recites a telecommunication component comprising: "a splitter card having one or more card edge connectors that connect to the one or more card edge connectors of the circuit board, the splitter card including a plurality of splitters for splitting the mixed data and voice signals into the data signals and the voice signals". Examiner interprets this as the splitter card 44 includes first and second card edge portions 64 and 66 that are respectively received within the first and second card edge connector 60 and 62 as shown in Figs. 4A and 4B. The specification supports this limitation [Page 7, line 23

to Page 9, line 11; Figs. 5A-5E; 6]. The prior art of record does not teach this limitation in the context of the claim. Therefore, claim 1 is indicated allowable. Claims 15, 52-53, 57-59, 70, 73 and 76 are essentially similar to claim 1 and hence are indicated allowable.

Further, claims 3-5, 9-10, 13-14 being dependent from claim 1, claims 17-24, 27, being dependent from claim 15, claims 55-56 being dependent from claim 53, claims 61-63 being dependent from claim 59, claims 71-72 being dependent from claim 70, and claims 74-75 being dependent from claim 73 are also indicated allowable.

New search updates reveal no other prior art which teaches the limitations in the context of the claims.

4. The claims have been re-numbered as follows:

CLAIMS NUMBER (ORIGINAL)	CLAIMS NUMBER (FINAL)
1	1
3-5	2-4
9-10	5-6
13-15	7-9
17-24	10-17
27	18
52-53	19-20
55-59	21-25
61-63	26-28

70-76

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Claim no. 1 along with figure number 4B will be published in the Official Gazette.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ramnandan Singh whose telephone number is (571) 272-7529. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH (8:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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